



**NORWALK REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**TO: COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS**

**FROM: JOHN L. BURRITT, JR. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**  
**NORWALK REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**RE: COMMENTS ON RAISED BILL 5891 SECTIONS 5, 6, 7, AND 8**  
**PERTAINING TO CITY OF NORWALK – CRESCENT STREET**

**DATE: MARCH 17, 2008**

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On behalf of the City of Norwalk and the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency I would like to thank the GAE Committee for its consideration of Raised Bill 5891 (Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8) addressing the ownership status of Crescent Street as it affects the development of Parcels 1, 2 & 4 in the City's Reed Putnam Urban Renewal Project. The Reed Putnam Urban Renewal Project represents Norwalk's largest redevelopment initiative and the development of Parcels 1, 2 & 4 by 95/7 Ventures LLC, represents over a \$500 million private investment in the City. The actions contained in Raised Bill 5891 will facilitate the improvement of Crescent Street by the redeveloper to provide improved access and egress to this important project.

The Bill as currently drafted reflects essentially what the City requested, however the city staff is also seeking to coordinate with the CTDOT - Property Management Division, so that the interests of all parties can be served by this legislation. Therefore, we would request the following modifications to the bill:

Section 5 - CTDOT has requested that Parcel 19 be deleted from the list of parcels from which the State's deed restriction will be removed as it is needed for future State use. We concur with this request.

Additionally, CTDOT has indicated that Parcels 20 and 21 should also be deleted from the list of parcels from which the deed restriction will be removed insofar as they will be part of the conveyance from the City to the State thus, inclusion here is not required. We concur with this request.

Section 8 – CTDOT has requested that the State retain all rights to the parcel identified as .149 acres proposed to be conveyed from the State to the City as described on the survey map prepared by William. W. Seymour & Associates dated January 28, 2008. We agree to the deletion of this parcels from the Bill. (**NOTE:** this is only the first part of Section 8 – the second part of Section 8 addressing the area to be conveyed by the City of Norwalk to the State of Connecticut equivalent to .176 acres is to remain in the language of the Bill).

I thank you for your consideration of these requested modifications to the language of Raised Bill 5198 and offer these remarks in the spirit of cooperation with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation – Property Management Division which has been helpful to the City in advancing this request. If you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact Mr. John L. Burritt, Jr. Assistant Director of the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency

cc: Ms. Ginny Carpino – CTDOT – Property Management Division